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Brigade pays tribute to its own

The Calgary Fire Department held its annual memorial ceremony at city hall yesterday, remembering city firefighters that have given their life while on duty, or as a result of afflictions developed from a career in firefighting. Story, page 8.

McIver still leads: Survey

Online surveys not allowed to print margin of error, according to Zinc Of respondents, 87% familiar with Higgins, 82% with McIver, 55% with Hawkesworth



With just under 40 days remaining, a recent online survey suggests Ric McIver still maintains a healthy lead in the mayoral race.

Zinc Research (zincresearch.com) conducted a random survey Sept. 3 to 7, asking, "If an election for mayor was held tomorrow, which candidate would you be most likely to vote for?"

Forty per cent responded Ric McIver. Former CTV anchor Barb Higgins trailed at 27 per cent, Naheed Nenshi was at 12 per cent, and Bob Hawkesworth and Kent Hehr were tied at seven per cent.

Civic activist and political blogger D.J. Kelly said it's a big change from survey numbers six weeks ago
— aside from McIver's lead.

"There's a lot more (that's) going to change in the coming six weeks," said Kelly. "I don't think it's a case of it being Ric McIver's election to lose — it will come down to all the others and how they perform."

The poll also examined momentum, with a question on change of opinion asked to respondents. Of the responses, 48 per cent said their opinion of Nenshi had improved, with Kent Hehr also showing a 25 per cent improvement.

Kelly said he's satisfied with the online poll design, only questioning how responses were acquired, and he reminded voters that polls are a snapshot

Public opinion

- ➤ Trend Research also provided telephone poll results yesterday from research conducted Aug. 3 to 9, showing Higgins and McIver in a virtual dead heat, with 37 per cent and 36 per cent of votes respectively. Margin of error was 3.1 per cent, 19 times out of 20.
- In the Zinc survey, when asked who first comes to mind as a mayoral candidate, 38 per cent said McIver and 28 per cent said Higgins — on first mention.

set of numbers leading up to election day.

"Take them with a grain of salt," he said.

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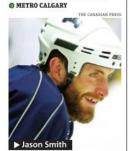
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Police seek information on indecent exposures

Police are trying to determine if three indecent exposure acts in the city on Saturday between midnight and 4 a.m. are related.

In each case, a man approached young women and exposed himself to them, but in one instance a suspect also groped one of the victims.

Police are trying to determine if the three southwest incidents are related and are asking for anyone with information to call them at 403-266-1234. Officials remind citizens to call police immediately after such an incident. Police were contacted in all three cases.



Ex-Oiler charged in domestic incident

Former Edmonton Oilers captain, defenceman Jason Smith, is accused of two counts of assault and one count of unlawful confinement stemming from an Aug. 10 incident involving his wife and teenage daughter while they were in Calcary

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Smith, 36, retired from the Ottawa Senators in 2009. He was released on bail and appears in court Sept. 17.

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Tiger cub clings to life

◆ Two female cubs were born unexpectedly Tuesday ◆ The second cub died shortly after birth ◆ There are now five tigers at the Calgary Zoo



It's been an emotional rollercoaster for zookeepers rallying around the clock to save a female tiger cub born unexpectedly this week.

The newborn is in stable condition but Sandie Black, head of Calgary Zoo veterinary services, said the fate of the young cub could "go either way." "She is in the equivalent of a baby's neo-natal intensive care unit and right now she is tube feeding," Black said

Zookeepers said firsttime mom Katja, a 10-yearold Siberian tiger, did many things right. "She is just an inexperienced mother. She didn't act out in aggression but she just may have inadvertently injured the cub by mishandling her."

While keepers didn't notice Katja was pregnant, they said it's common with 300-pound animals for pregnancies to go unnoticed since the babies are born less than two pounds.

"There's really no visible change in appearance or weight and she was eating and acting normally," Black said, adding things may not have ended differently even if the zoo knew she was pregnant. "We wouldn't have intervened sooner; we were letting her do what tigers do."

Breeding

- The zoo was trying to breed Baikal, brought from the New York Bronx Zoo, and Katja in May.
- Baikal had surgery in May on his hips to help improve his quality of life and ability to breed.
- There are six known cases in the species survival program where female tigers surprised zookeepers by giving birth.





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Prison watchdog urges less isolation for mentally ill inmates in new report. Video at metronews.ca/ canada



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Burrows backs natural gas buses

Mayoral candidate Craig Burrows believes if the city were to convert Calgary Transit's 850-bus fleet to natural gas at \$40,000 per bus, it would eventually save each

bus \$10,000 per year in fuel costs.

"This is a way for Calgary to be a leader on energy, the environment and in creating a green fleet," Burrows said.

He said not only will the city save \$136 million after four years when "the buses pay for

themselves,' but this will also provide better air quality.

Burrows unveiled the plan vesterday morning at a beltline coffee shop. **◎ KRISTA** SYLVESTER



BRT route proposed for airport: Document

Calgary Transit has plans for two express buses to shuttle passengers to and from Calgary International Airport, according to a document on its website.

According to Calgary Transit's proposed airport service plan, the new Route 100 express will run from the airport terminals along Metis Trail and Country Hills Boulevard to the McKnight/Westwinds LRT station.
Route 57 will end at 78

Avenue, and there will be no change to Route 430, according to the document.

21.9MThe estinumber of annual passengers through YYC by 2028.

"This is going to be an improvement in service," said Bob Hawkesworth, a vocal airport tunnel opponent and mayoral candidate, adding his estimate on capital cost would be around \$10 million.

"This is considerably cheaper than anything folks are talking about when it comes to tunnels and LRT extensions.

MONIQUE MASSIAH

Robbery suspect sought seized

Police are seeking a suspect in relation to robbery at the Scotiabank in the 4800 block of Centre Street North yesterday. Police say the man produced a robbery note and took off with an undisclosed amount of

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Prison contraband

Between \$80,000 and \$100,000 worth of prison contraband has been intercepted at the Drumheller institution, including illegal drugs, tobacco and cellphones. Institution officers were on a routine patrol on Monday when they spotted the package. METRO CALGARY

Students learning to be cyber smart



reinforced after alleged sex assault



Calgary schools continue to use a variety of tools to educate students on the potential risks posed by the Internet, according to one representative.

In the wake of an al-

leged sexual assault involving two youth who met via a social networking site, Const. Kathy Macdonald of the Crime Prevention Unit said cyber awareness is becoming increasingly important.

"Its very important that the kids are aware of some of the risks and this is an opportunity to talk to them about some of the risks and then give them some tools," she said.

"The schools have embraced the technology . so it's important that everybody work together and learn together.

Macdonald said the Calgary Police Service visits more than 100 schools every year to educate

Safety Week

- Online Safety Week has been put on in Calgary for the past five years.
- Const. Kathy Macdonald said during this year's Online Safety Week, more than 50 presentations were seen by 20,000 kids around Calgary.

youth.

At the school level, Janet Corsten, a spokesperson for the Cal-Janet gary Catholic School Dis-trict, said education is beginning at a young age.

"I think it's something that teachers are certainly beginning to address in classrooms at the elementary age level, so teaching kids as soon as they're able to start using resources online," she said.

Every year in March, the Calgary Police Service partners with other community organizations for Online Safety Week.

► Kelly Schwartz

Parents urged to get involved

With the Internet becoming more entrenched in the everyday lives of kids, parents need to educate themselves in order to keep up, according to one

expert.
While the technology available now may not have been around a generation ago, there are ways parents can learn about these tools in order to better protect their children, said Kelly Schwartz.

"It doesn't take a lot to get yourself in the know about what's happening with this media," said Schwartz, director of applied psychological and educational services at the University of Calgary. "There's a number of websites that parents can go

Schwartz said with kids beginning to use social media at a younger age, it's important to educate them early on.

Certainly the use of technology in general, of which the social media are (apart of), it almost starts at the earliest grades," he said.

"One of the things we can do is, sadly, instil a sense of healthy fear."

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Lacking access, Hehr sits out forum

Mayoral candidate Kent Hehr was unable to participate in a mayors' debate last night because there was no wheelchair access for him at the Oakridge Community Centre. While forum organizers contacted Hehr with apologies about the accessibility issue, Hehr said it's an issue that needs to be addressed.

"This is not just about me. This is about all of the people who have mobility challenges taking part in community activi-

ties," Hehr said.
"As mayor I
would make this
a priority issue to
improve and ensure a higher
quality of life for
all Calgarians."



Hundreds show up for United Way

Hundreds of Calgarians hit the streets yesterday in support of the United Way. To kick off the 2010

To kick off the 2010 fundraising campaign, several businesses, families and individuals walked through downtown to Eau Claire Market.

Campaign co-chair Marie Delorme said she was thrilled to see the crowd turn up despite the rain.

"It feels absolutely wonderful and it's not surprising," said Delorme. "Calgarians always come

"Calgarians always come together when they're needed."



The United Way's fundraising campaign runs from September to the end of December and the organization is looking to raise \$51 million.

"The hopes are that Calgarians will rally and come together in a united way to make this city stronger."

KATIE TURNEI

'Jese James' wanted by police

Airdrie RCMP issued an arrest warrant yesterday for a man who was using the alias Jese James. Jese Soderstrom is wanted in relation to two break-and-enters and three thefts. Those with information are asked to call Airdrie RCMP at 403-945-7200.

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Groups try to save caribou

Environmental and First Nations groups filed an emergency protection order in Edmonton yesterday to save Alberta's caribou. The groups say deforestation and the oilsands are causing Caribou numbers to decrease.

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Homegrown films at CIFF

More than 60,000 tickets will be sold to more than 280 screenings
 Early-bird discount packages available today at www.calgaryfilm.com



Homegrown talent will be showcased at this year's Calgary International Film Festival closing gala.

CIFF announced the closing gala's film as Alberta-filmed The Last Rites of Ransom Pride at the Globe Cinema, and officials couldn't be more excited.

"Not since The Assassination of Jesse James have we had such a wonderful shoot 'em up western showcased at the festival. We're very excited about showing a film so entrenched in Alberta's roots," CIFF executive director Jacqueline Dupuis said at the announcement for the festival yesterday night.

"We're committed to showcasing 10 days of the most innovative and acclaimed cinematic work on the planet."

CIFF also just released a new ad campaign titled Only the Best Films Make It to reinforce the fact that the CIFF is all about the best of the best, Dupuis added.

"The goal is to show it's all about providing quality cinema."

Director of programming Trevor Smith agrees the new ad campaign is set to make an impact.



"Without a doubt, the ad campaign is a major win for the CIFF," he said.

But Smith also believes the 11th annual CIFF is one of the best festivals yet.

yet.
"We're so excited to bring a selection like this to Calgary," he said.

"We have innovators who push the envelope and don't take the easy way to producing films. They take risks and push boundaries."

Facts

- CIFF also announced the black-carpet film gala movie as Spit on Your Grave on Oct. 1.
- There will be actors, actresses, directors and producers at select events.
 A cast and crew of 45
- A cast and crew of 45 motion picture and television professionals spent one day shooting the new ad campaign commercials for CIFF.

Movie may benefit from media

Programming director Trevor Smith expects more people to attend the film Dirty Oil because of the media coverage the Alberta-funded yet anti-oil movie produced. "I would-n't say it's controversial, but it certainly has people talking." • KRISTA SYLVESTER







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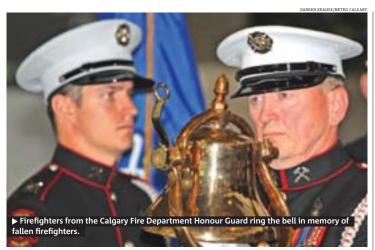


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Tribute paid to fallen firefighters

• A memorial is erected on the west side of city hall in tribute to the city's servicemen and women



Cheryl Simonin believes her husband, Maurice, was born to be a firefighter.

Simonin along with other family, friends and Calgary firefighter brethren gathered yesterday at city hall to pay tribute to fallen brigade members.

Maurice Simonin, a former division chief and 36year firefighting veteran died 10 years ago from multiple myeloma, caused from years of battling fires, his wife said. But, she said he wouldn't have 26

Calgary firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty, or because of jobrelated causes.

changed a thing.

"He loved his job. He loved the guys. He loved the camaraderie," she said.

"He always said that he could never have thought of any other job he'd rather do in his life."

Simonin cherishes the annual memorial for fallen firefighters.

"It's important to remember they gave their lives for us, and for the city," she said.

Opening and closing prayers were delivered by the brigade chaplain, Amazing Grace was played by bagpipers and the fire bell was rung to remember each of the fallen firefighters. "It is the memory of those that have lost their lives as a result of firefighting that continues to remind those in the service, as well as those we provide service to, about the dangers that firefighters face." said fire Chief Bruce Burrell.

New beds for Calgary, says health plan

Alberta Health Services has announced a five-year plan and 132 new beds for Calgarians this year.

Spread between the Foothills, Peter Lougheed and Rockyview hospitals, and costing \$15.7 million, the system will help to decrease the city's reliance on over compliment (short-term) beds, said Gene Zwozdesky, minister of Health and Wellness, yestserday morning.

According to an Alberta

According to an Alberta Health Services report the new beds will greatly reduce the number of patients being treated in hallways and help hospitals deal with surging patient numbers.

"It is important not to forget that with the completion of the south Calgary centre 1.5 million square feet of space will be available in 201,2," said



Zwozdesky. "The beds are absolutely necessary," said Peter Jamieson, director of Foothills Medical Centre. "We expect to be operating at full capacity," he said.

While the minster could not comment on the health capital plan, he said he would consult Calgary physicians and release a report this fall.

MONIQUE MASSIAH

Availability

According to an Alberta Health Services report the beds will be available by December.

- Bed waiting times The new beds will ease pressure on emergency departments and speed up wait-times and the admitting process.
- Occupancy levels Calgary's three hospitals have occupancy levels ranging from 107 to 110 per cent. The new Garrison Green facility in South Calgary houses 200 beds for continuing care
- Peter Lougheed While 132 new beds are created 70 current over-complement spaces are now closed at the Peter Lougheed Centre.

Resident permits decline: City

According to the City of Calgary, 2010 residential permit numbers are going down while commercial permit numbers increase.

This year saw \$223 million in permits, down 10 per cent from a 10-year average of \$248 million. "It's 'wait-and-see' in terms of where the market is headed." said an official.

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Police seek two home invaders

Police are looking for two very dark skin black males, with non-Canadian accents after they forced their way into a NE home, assaulting a man and woman, as their two children lay sleeping, said police

The victims were taken to hospital and later released.

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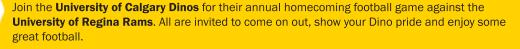
Bill 203 faces pushback

A provincial bill proposing sweeping changes that may impact municipalities' abilities to deliver public infrastructure has the City of Calgary concerned. Bill 203 could restrict use of franchise fees, one of the traditional sources of revenue for municipalities, according to officials who oppose the proposal.

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Canadian cities to face literacy issues: Report

Ottawa predicted to see 80 per cent surge in low-literacy adults, to nearly half a million in 2031

Canada's four largest cities are expected to see growth in the number of adults with low literacy skills by 2031, with the biggest surge projected for the capital, according to a report

released yesterday.

Canada may be among the leaders of industrialized nations and rank among the best-educated countries, but the report from the Canadian Council on Learning suggests the country is hardly immune from literacy problems within the population.

Low literacy is defined by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's International Adult Literacy Skills Survey as difficulty in reading, understanding and func tioning effectively written materials.

The council's report projects there will be little change in the proportion of adults with low literacy in Canada but a small increase in the total number of lowliteracy adults within the

next two decades.

More than 15 million
Canadian adults will have low literacy skills by 2031, up 25 per cent from 2001.

However, the percentage of adults with low literacy skills in 2031 will actually dip to 47 per cent - a three per cent decline over a 30year period.

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Tale of 3 cities

- Montreal is expected to experience the lowest increase out of the four cities — 20 per cent — in the number of adults with low literacy skills, from 1.5 million in 2001 to more than 1.8 million in 2031.
- Toronto is projected to see an increase from 1.9 million to nearly 3.2 million
- Vancouver is expected to see the numbers go from nearly 800,000 to more than 1.3 million.



More oil trouble at sea

Emergency teams rescued 34 workers yesterday from an oil-drilling platform that was leaning dangerously in east China's Shandong province, and searched for two others still missing, officials said.

BP's report accepts, doles out the blame

BP took some of the blame for the Gulf oil disaster in an internal report issued yesterday, acknowledging among other things that it misinterpreted a key pressure test of the well. But in a possible preview of its legal strategy, it also pointed the finger at its partners on the doomed rig.

The highly technical, 193-page report attributes the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history and the rig explosion that set it off to a complex chain of failures both human and mechanical. Some of those problems have been made public over the past four and a half months, such as the failure of the blowout preventer to clamp the well shut. The associated press

"Of (BP's) own eight key findings, they only explicitly take responsibility for half of one."

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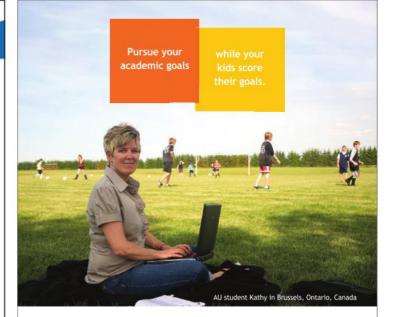
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Pop-culture pastor preaches about Metallica

Van Sloten's vision isn't everyone's cup of tea ● Use of pop culture has caused half of congregation to leave

The American heavy metal band Metallica, the movie Crash and even the paintings of Dutch post-Impressionist artist Vincent van Gogh have one thing in common, according to Calgary pastor John Van Sloten.

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The 49-year-old pop-culture pastor of the Christian Reformed congregation at New Hope Church in Calgary argues that God is sending messages through all of them.

Van Sloten is no stranger to the public stage and first gained notice several years ago when he was using Lord of the Rings as part of his sermons.

Since then Van Sloten



has branched out, touching on such movies as Passion of the Christ, Gran Torino and Spider-Man, as well as bands like Coldplay and Green Day.

"My wife and I went to Metallica and had an experience there, in a very deep communal sense that these people are all sharing a lament and a feeling of injustice about how screwed up the world is," he explained.

"That got my heart into it so I went back and read all the lyrics and as I was reading their lyrics I would have a biblical truth or a scriptural passage come at the same time."

Word that Van Sloten was preaching about Metallica in his sermon quickly made its way to the band, who sent a camera crew to the church to film it.

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What Country Do You Call?

Canada speaks out against Qur'an burning

Florida minister set to burn Muslim holy book on anniversary of 9-11, despite pressure from White House

Canada is speaking out against a tiny Florida church's plan to burn copies of the Qur'an on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay says it is "insulting to Muslims and Canadians of all faiths."

In July, Rev. Terry Jones from the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Fla., proclaimed he would stage "International Burn-a-Qur'an Day."

Since then he's received pressure from the White House, religious leaders and now Canada, to call off his plan to burn the book Muslims consider the word of God, but he hasn't

backed down yet.

In a statement sent to The Canadian Press, Mac-Kay says Canada is calling on the pastor to "bring people together, not break

Mackay also says Canadian Forces in Afghanistan are not fighting Islam or Islamic beliefs. He says they are fighting "an extremist and brutal enemy.

He adds that Canadians take pride in the country's fundamental values freedom of religion and thought, and that such Canadian values helped the country bind together during the dark aftermath of 9-11

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Controversy

Rev. Terry Jones says he's determined to go through with his plan to burn copies of the Qur'an.

- Death threats Jones has received more than 100 death threats and has started wearing a .40calibre pistol.
- Support Others have been mailing copies of the holy text to his church to be incinerated in a bonfire on Saturday.
- International outrage In Afghanistan, Jones' planned burning has provoked outrage.



Flooding from Hermine kills 1

The National Weather Service says flooding from the remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine has killed one person in a town north of Austin, Texas. National Weather Service duty officer Tony Merriman says the unidentified person died in a vehicle overcome by floodwaters early yesterday in Killeen.

Microsoft apologizes to gamer

Microsoft Corp. and Xbox Live are apologizing to a West Virginia town and a

26-year-old gamer accused of violating the online gaming service's code of

conduct by declaring he's from Fort Gav. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Woman recalls years of torture

● Austrian woman launches book about 3,096 days of captivity ● English editions to be available in Canada

An Austrian woman kidnapped at age 10 says she was repeatedly beaten, starved and forced to do housework half-naked during her 8½ years at the mercy of a man who admired Hitler and considered himself an Egyptian god.

self an Egyptian god.
In a new book about her ordeal, Natascha Kampusch also describes how her abductor, Wolfgang Priklopil, shaved off all her hair and shackled her to him on his bed once she turned 14.

Priklopil snatched Kampusch off a Vienna street on her way to school in 1998 and held her prisoner in a dungeon under his suburban home until she fled in August 2006. He committed suicide within hours of her escape.

The case horrified Austrians and made headlines

"The kidnapper knew precisely which buttons he had to push to land blows to my self esteem, and he pressed them mercilessly."
NATASCHA KAMPUSCH

around the world.

In 3,096 Days, penned with the help of two authors, Kampusch describes Priklopil as a paranoid, unpredictable and cleanliness-obsessed man who systematically tormented her physically and verbally.

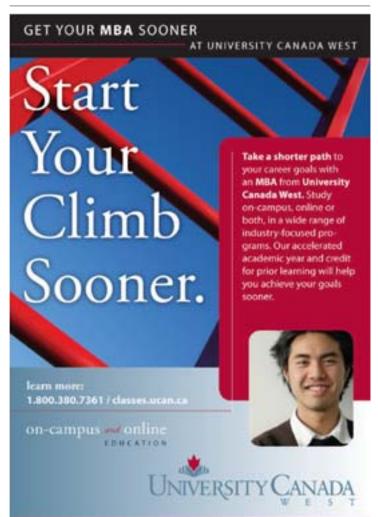
"In many respects, the kidnapper was a beast and more cruel than can possibly be depicted," Kampusch wrote, according to an English edition to be released Sept. 16 in Britain. Over the years, he attacked her using not only his hands and feet but also a sack of cement, pruning shears and even a crowbar.

But there were moments when Kampusch stood up to the man who once told her he was an Egyptian god from the science fiction series Stargate. Although Kampusch wrote that she couldn't stand a chance against him, "fighting back became vital to my survival."

Kampusch attempts to explain why Priklopil kidnapped her. "Today I believe that

"Today I believe that Wolfgang Priklopil, in committing a terrible crime, wanted to create nothing more than his own little perfect world with a person that could be there just for him," she wrote.

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Blackout? This must be China

Chinese steel mills and mobile-phone factories are being idled.

Thousands of homes are without electricity. All because local governments are ordering power cuts to meet energy-saving targets set by

Rolling blackouts and

power cuts are affecting key industrial areas.

The eastern city of Taizhou turned off street lights and ordered hotels and shopping malls to cut power use.

In Anping County southwest of Beijing, thousands of factories and homes have had daylong blackouts.

"We can't meet deadlines for some orders and will have to pay penalties," said Han Hongmai, general manager of Anping's Jintai Metal Wire Co.

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Quake-hit city feels new shake

A strong aftershock rocked terrified residents of New Zealand's earthquake-stricken city of Christchurch yesterday.

No one was reported injured, but the tremblor was the strongest since Saturday's magnitude-7.1 earthquake wrecked hundreds of buildings.

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Man, 90, jailed for killing wife

A 90-year-old western New York man has been sentenced to 17 and a half years in prison for beating his wife of nearly 68 years to death with a hammer.

John Bunz stumbled on his way into court in Buffalo yesterday. He pleaded guilty in July to first-degree manslaughter.

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Eight refused to flee, now they're missing



Plume from giant Colorado wildfire seen 145 kilometres away

Authorities in Colorado are searching for eight people who didn't leave their homes as a wildfire tore through a canyon in the foothills near Boulder.

About 3,500 people have been moved to safety from about 1,000 homes since the fire broke out Monday. No injuries have been reported.

Gov. Bill Ritter declared a state of emergency Tuesday as officials nearly doubled the fire's estimated size. At one point, the plume from the fire could be seen in Wyoming, 145 kilometres to the north.

Authorities investigated reports the fire started when a car crashed into a propane tank.

They are also trying to figure out why an automated phone-alert system failed for two hours during 300

At least 300 firefighters have been battling the wildfire. They managed to save the historic town of Gold Hill, including an Old West grocery store and structures once used for stagecoach stops.

the evacuation, forcing authorities to go door-to-door to search for people.

Winds pushed the fire

Winds pushed the fire through three canyons where beetles that burrow under the bark have killed pine trees.

The bark beetles have killed more than 3.5 million acres of trees.

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Skin infections pose risk to miners

Rescuers have sent down antibiotics and ointments and were working yesterday to blast cool, dry air to 33 miners trapped a half-mile underground for more than a month.

All the men have suffered from skin sores, foot fungi or abrasions, and infections could prove dangerous in the sweltering heat and humidity, with rescue at least six weeks away.

tions like athlete's foot and jock itch are usually just miannovances. trapped as they are in unrelenting 30 C heat, with humidity at 88 per cent, the miners don't have any way

of drying out. In videos transmitted from down below, the miners can be seen shirtless and sweating.

In such an environment, any open wound presents a serious risk, so the miners have been instructed to use extreme caution. A simple cut from moving rocks could lead to dangerous infections, Chilean Health Minister Jaime Manalich told the Associated Press.

The constant exposure to moisture creates the possibility of infections, especially when the men are living and sleeping together in close quarters and can't shower, according to

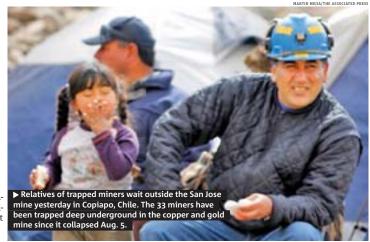
Trapped

It's unclear how long the miners will be trapped underground.

- No end in sight It could take until December to drill a hole big enough to pull the miners out, says the Chilean government.
- Rescue attempt Two massive drills are being used. one widening existing bore holes and the other forging a new opening.

Dr. Boni Elewski, a dermatology professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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Bank hikes rate quarter point

○ Loonie gets boost, rising to 96.39¢ US **○** Bank says it wants to reach a 2% medium term inflation target

The Bank of Canada raised the trend-setting interest rate a quarter point to one per cent yesterday, even as it acknowledged that the country's economic growth will be more gradual than previously thought.

It was the third hike in three months, taking the overnight rate up in stages from the rock-bottom 0.25 per cent that was set by the central bank during the recession to help stimulate the economy.

The hike, which most economists had predicted and supported, will likely have the effect of increasing borrowing costs on

"The Bank of Canada clearly retains its tightening bias and seems generally unfazed by the recent cooling in the Canadian economy."

DOUGLAS PORTER, BANK OF MONTREAL ECONOMIST

short-term loans, such as variable mortgages and lines of credit.

Analysts had been looking for acknowledgment from bank governor Mark Carney that the recovery has taken a few surprise body blows of late and that he will now pause for the next few months until the picture clears.

Instead, the bank's governing council appeared content to stick to its pre-

viously optimistic outlook and gave no hint about plans for future decisions, saying that will depend on the "unusual uncertainty" of the outlook.

The tone of the bank's statement was "a bit more hawkish than we expected," said Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter.
But economists ques-

tion how much further Carney can go.

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News in brief

Canwest credit shield extended

COURT. Canwest Global Communications says the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has extended the company's creditor protection until Nov. 5. Canwest filed for protection from bankruptcy on Oct. 6, 2009, after amassing \$4 billion in debts and getting squeezed by a sump in ad revenues.

Publisher's 3Q profits up \$5M

MEDIA. Publisher and printer Transcontinental Inc. said yesterday it had a third-quarter profit of \$30.6 million and expects to make targeted acquisitions in digital technology. The profit in the latest quarter compares with \$25.5 million in the same period a year ago.

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Suncor to reap \$390M in offshore asset sale

Suncor Energy Inc. has reached a deal to sell a number of UK offshore North Sea properties for about \$390 million to an affiliate of Dana Petroleum PLC.

The sale comes as Dana faces a hostile takeover bid by the state-owned Korea National Oil Corp., worth about \$2.9 billion US. Yesterday's announced transaction involves Suncor's Petro-Canada UK unit's 12 offshore production and exploration licences in the UK sector of the North Sea.

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33.5M Dana said the acquisition gives it 33.5 million barrels of oil equivalent of proven and probable reserves, making the company more valuable.

Mobilicity moves to silence Rogers' Chatr

New wireless player Mobilicity has filed a complaint with the Competition Bureau against Rogers' unlimited talk and text service Chatr, saying that its too similar to its own unlimited talk and text offering.

Mobilicity alleges that

Mobilicity alleges that Rogers is in breach of section 78 of the Competition Act which prohibits market leaders from using "fighting brands to discipline or eliminate a competitor."

Chatr joins Rogers Wireless and Fido as the third wireless service offered by Rogers. Bell has relaunched its Solo brand as an unlimited talk and text offering and Telus owns discount brand Koodo.

The filing was also made

with other agencies.

"We are strong proponents of a healthy, fair and sustainable competitive environment in Canada's wireless sector, and we are confident that the Competition Bureau and federal government will ensure this remains the case," said Mobilicity COO Stewart Lyons

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Mobilicity was one of the new competitors that emerged after the federal government sold additional spectrum in a 2008 auction that raised \$4.25 billion for

Ottawa.



DESPERATELY SEEKING ... ANYONE

He says ... **IOHN** MAZEROLLE I want to be a Craigslist missed connection.

hen I was growing up, I wanted to be an astronaut, Louis Pasteur (don't ask) and a race car driver. None of those things happened, but I can still fulfil my dream to be a missed connection. Because, really, who doesn't want

If you aren't familiar, missed connections come in two types. The first is the cry to the heav-

They're all basically the same: "To Jim/L/My Snookie, some day/week/fortnight I hope/know/dread that you'll see it was a mistake/joy/reality-show script that we were

married/apart/cell mates. I'll never forget/understand/unchain you. Love/miss/screw/ you, Amanda/S/Your Malignant Lump of

They're pathetic, and if you can't see yourself in them you've never loved

But the second type of missed connection is my goal.

It's for people who were too cowardly or lazy to make their move.

They usually mention eye contact and finish with, "Wish I'd said something.'

I like reading them and want to be one. Maybe I'd read, "To the guy who has clearly never cleaned his laptop," or "To that man who eats pasta like he's

I find them quite romantic, which is to say, they have no bearing on reality.

Missed connections deny a couple of harsh truths: First, the majority of single guys I know

make attempted eve contact with every girl who meets their criteria, namely being a biped and consuming oxygen.

The only reason it ever works is that so many

women are oblivious to men's advances. I've had conservations like this a dozen times.

Me: That guy was totally smitten with you. Woman: Really?

Me: He was staring at you and he kept touching your arm. Woman: Did he?

Me: He licked your face.

Woman: Is it muggy today? Second, it ignores the fact that most of these highly charged moments of connection would be ruined if the two people involved actually talked. About half the women I find attractive can ruin it instantly with a single mention of Twilight.

What missed connections really do is provide you with one more opportunity to extend the eye contact and the ego boost. But real life would ruin it.

But that's good enough, I say. It's the NSA of infatuation.

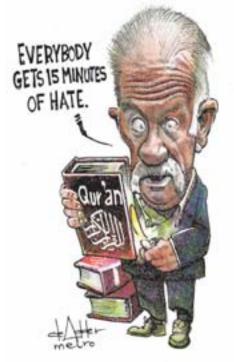
I want to be a missed connection. It just doesn't follow that I want to be found.



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Cartoon

Canada cracks top three



Worth mentioning

Australia and New Zealand shared first place, and Canada tied for third in a first-of-its kind survey ranking 153 nations on the willingness of their citizens to donate time and money to charity.

The report, released yesterday by the Britishbased Charities Aid Foundation, showed striking variations in charitable behaviour around the world.

For example, it found that only four per cent of Lithuanians gave money to charity, compared with 83 per cent of people in Malta; 61 per cent of people in Turkmenistan did volunteer work.

The gift of giving

"But the

second type

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is my goal."



compared with two per cent of Cambodians.

The overall rankings were a composite of three categories - the percentage of people who donated money, donated time and helped a stranger in the month prior to being surveyed.

Australia and New Zealand topped the index with an average score of

57 per cent, trailed by Canada and Ireland at 56 per cent, and the United States and Switzerland at 55 per cent. Several of the world's

most populous countries were near the bottom of the index — including India in 134th place, Russia in 138th and China in 147th.

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Metro Minute at Spruce Meadows

Got a minute this week? Spruce Meadows hosts its international show jumping tournament in Calgary's backyard.

This year's Grand Masters Tournament, which ends Sunday, celebrates Spruce Meadows' 35th year in Calgary.

The show will include

the Equi-Fair, Festival of Nations, and Battle of the Breeds, the Spruce Meadows Prairie Dogs competi-

Today, at 2:25 p.m,. will feature the Celle Stallions straight from Germany, a precision riding group consisting of Hanoverian stal-

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Interpol revives atmospheric sound

• Group leaves major label EMI to join familiar Matador • New album 'most progressive'



An established indie band signing to a major label is a story that's been told countless times. But Interpol's version has a different twist. After leaving EMI following the release of 2007's Our Love To Admire, they've returned to Matador, the independent label they originally called

"There have been a lot of changes in the music industry. When we had the opportunity to part ways with EMI we made a mutual decision," says guitarist

Daniel Kessler. "We didn't consider anyone else but Matador. We always retained a great friendship with them and always admired them."

Having released their first two albums on Matador, 2002's seminal debut Turn On The Bright Lights and 2004's exceptional Antics, both the band and label are counting on recapturing that spark again with their new self-titled album.

Kessler feels it offers something both new and familiar. "There are threads you will recognize that this is obviously Interpol," he explains. "I also "All of our records are documents of what we're trying to say at that time. We feel like our band evolves and this record is an evolution from our last one."

think it's our most pro-

gressive record to date."
Building on the sweeping orchestral arrangements of its predecessor, Interpol expands the compass of the band's overcast, atmospheric rock.

"With Our Love To Admire, there were some things that foreshadowed what was to come with this record. There's a greater expansion of harmonies and melodies."

Most importantly, Kessler says the band wanted to shift the focus away from song-driven iTunes generation back to the good old days of listening to a complete album. "We're really very much

"We're really very much an album band and not into catering to the modern age," he says. "It's really about the ten songs and how they correspond to each other. It's been like that since day one."

Moving on

When news of a new Interpol album came earlier this year, so did the announcement that original bassist Carlos D had left the band to "pursue new goals," says Kessler. "It's a life choice when someone decides they need to venture their own way and even step out of a rock band and look at other interests that demand their attention. We accepted that and as far as adjusting every day is a bit different.

scene

News in brief



Saturday Night Live will launch its 36th season on Sept. 25 with host Amy Poehler and musical quest Katy Perry. Poehler is a former SNL cast member. Perry's No. 1 smash **California Gurls** has become the song of the summer.

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The xx wins U.K.'s Mercury Music Prize

Electronic trio The xx has won Britain's Barclaycard Mercury Prize for their debut album, called "xx."

The London band won the \$30,000 prize over 11 other shortlisted acts at a ceremony in London Tuesday. The group beat its more well-known competitors, which included bookies' favourite Paul Weller, singer Corinne Bailey Rae and Dizzee Rascal.

Frontman Oliver Sim said he was stunned by the news: "I don't know what we were expecting, but we weren't expecting this."

The award has honoured the best album of the year by a British or Irish band since 1992. Previous winners include the Arctic Monkeys and Scottish rockers Franz Ferdinand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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Interpol fails to build on foundation

Interpol Album: Inerpol Label: Matador

Everyone wants to have a strong first disc, but for Interpol, their 2002 debut may have been too good. The New York City-based band has never quite been able to follow up Turn on the Bright Light's

brilliant hooks and critical acclaim. They reached a low point on 2007's epic Our Love to Admire, then lost bassist Carlos Dengler last May — you can't help but wonder if Interpol's time is finally up.

Their fourth record

Their fourth record doesn't hold any clues to Interpol's future. The band have said that this self-titled disc is a return to their roots — and it does recall some of their first disc's tight riffs and haunting atmospherics, but it's not as captivating. Songs start strong — Lights' slow building

verses are stunning, but the track goes nowhere. Summer Well has a nice new wave bounce, but it's missing the hook. The whole album follows that pattern; the songs have a solid foundation, but there's nothing built on top of it.

What's next for the band? This uneven disc proves they have some life left, but if they can't turn good songs into great ones they may want to consider following Carlos' lead and find a new career

Outstanding track: Barricade • BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Robyn

Album: Body Talk Pt. 2
Label: Konichiwa/Interscope

The second of three Robyn albums set for 2010, Body Talk Pt. 2 is the more cluboriented yang to its predecessor's pop-heavy yin. With renowned hands like Diplo and Kleerup produc-

ing and Snoop Dogg dropping f-bomb-laden hooks on supersonic duet U Should Have Known, Robyn's wistful yet sassy songs own the dance floor. Unlike most sequels, Pt. 2 is harder, better, faster and stronger than Pt. 1.

Outstanding track: Hang With Me • CAM LINDSAY



Winter Gloves Album: All Red

Label: Paper Bag

To put it simply,
Gloves are a pop

To put it simply, the Winter Gloves are a pop band. They play bouncy, upbeat infectious music that should be agreeable to just about anyone. But the group does a lot more than write fun hooks. Their lat-

est is a big improvement over their debut, thanks to their liberal use of keyboards and effects. Gym Class's spacey opening and fuzzy electro riffs, Use Your Lips' crunchy bass and Tooth Fairy's Of Montreallike keys point to a new maturity for the group.

Outstanding track: Plastic Slides © BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Bachman & Turner

Album: Bachman & Turner Label: E1

In the '70s Randy Bachman and Fred Turner got no respect from the critics, but plenty from fans. BTO's formula was simple — brief, but scorching, guitar solos soaring over galloping chord progressions and

catch-phrase choruses sung with caveman bravado. More than 20 years after the band broke up in a flurry of litigation, Bachman and Turner are back. And they sound exactly the same. The songs have changed, of course. They're all new originals. But the sound hasn't. Outstanding track: Rollin' On OGRAHAM ROCKINGHAM



Johnny Reid Album: A Place Called Love Label: EMI

More gooey sentimentality from this Scottish-born, Brampton-raised crooner who has somehow managed to inject enough honesty into his image to win the heart of an ever-increasing audience. Songs like Tell Me Margaret, written for Reid's late granny, will turn on the sob faucets, while Rod Stewartstyle R&B tracks like Doesn't Get Better Than You will give fans something to dance to at weddings. Outstanding track: Hang With Me ORBAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Stars share the Latin Grammy spotlight with newcomers

The Latin Grammy nominations spread the love between established artists and newcomers, nominating songwriters Juan Luis Guerra and Alejandro Sanz in four categories each.

The nominations announced yesterday at Hollywood's Avalon nightclub also recognized new talents Jorge Drexler, an Uruguayan songwriter, and Mario Domm, the lead

singer of the Mexican band Camila, who also were nominated four times.

Among the Canadian nominees are Nelly Furtado and Alex Cuba.

The rest of the nomina-

tions spanned the Latin Recording Academy's multitude of genres from across Spain and the Americas, with three nods each to Camila, reggaeton star Daddy Yankee and Uruguay's alt-rockers, El Cuarteto de Nos. The Latin Recording Academy President Gabriel Abaroa Jr. says this year's awards competition had the most submissions ever. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Big Boi is savouring this vic-

tory.
The Atlanta rapper one-half of the six-time Grammy-winning duo Outkast - spent years watching as his solo debut Sir Lucious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty languished in record-label limbo.

It was finally released this year to widespread critical acclaim, and Big Boi feels his effort has been rewarded.

"The fans dig it, that's what it's all about," he said in a recent interview. "You want to make music that they love and that they can

live by.

"You know, as long as they're digging it man, I'm a happy camper.

Lately, he's had plenty of

reason to be upbeat. Sir Lucious Left Foot opened at No. 3 on the U.S. charts and No. 20 in Canada. While it hasn't posted the sort of commercial numbers associated with an Outkast record it's been a hit with critics.

The 35-year-old seems a long way from the frustration that punctuated his first solo foray.

The record has been widely praised for its crafty lyricism, head-knocking beats and diverse produchead-knocking tion. He had much of the record finished more than a



year ago, including the earth-shattering electrofunk of lead single Shutterbugg, but Jive Records wasn't sold on the album they wanted something more radio-friendly.

Ultimately, he left the label for Def Jam. Jive reportedly barred the use of certain singles that featured his Outkast bandmate and close friend Andre 3000, including the Grammy-nominated Royal Flush, because Outkast is still under contract with the label.

Big Boi has been consistent in saying that Outkast would reunite for another record, which would mean working again with Jive.

"I'm contractually obligated," he said. "I got a deal with Def Jam and also I'm signed with Outkast to Jive too, so I got two record deals THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big Boi enjoys solo gig, but Sara Bareilles has a change of heart will be back Singer gets awkward with Pharrell while working on new CD

O Singer gets awkward with Pharrell while working on new CD

The idea of Sara Bareilles and Pharrell working on music sounds odd enough - but it's not nearly as awkward as the actual

piano-playing songstress was exploring a new sound for her sophomore CD when she decided to try and work with the hitmaker for Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, Gwen Stefani and more. When she walked in for her recording session, Phar-rell was getting a haircut.

It went downhill from

"I'm not a very good collaborator and I didn't really know how to do it. .. I felt really uncomfortable with just the process and so I think that's why we didn't really get any-thing out of it," Bareilles

Though the 30-year-old earned Grammy nods for her breakthrough hit, Love Song, Bareilles said she struggled to come up with new material for the follow-up to her platinumselling 2007 debut, Little

"I hadn't really prepared for what would come after that," she said.

Then she recorded Uncharted, a pop tune about messing up — and moving



along. Things got easier after that.

Bareilles talked recently about the steps that led to Kaleidoscope Heart, out this week.

Why is songwriting with others tough for you?

I'm not a great co-writer. I have a lot of respect for people that can do it well, Î'm just terrible at it. ... I don't know. I feel like what comes out of it is always something I feel a sense of detachment to and it sort of makes me feel like, I don't know, unable or unwilling to want to sing it as a part of my normal repertoire.

Those songs you recorded with Pharrell — where will they end up?

I would love to probably re-approach it instead of using what we ended up with. I'd love to do it again now that it's not such a new experience. I think I have that tendency where my knee-jerk reaction is to sort of clam up and close myself off from doing something I've never done before. And it's totally something I'm trying to let go of. I don't know why I get so, I don't know, nervous? I think I was

star-struck, honestly.

How did you come up with the first single?

King of Anything was sort of a pep talk, it's actually very similar to the way Love Song came about. ... It was written at the point where I was just starting to share the music and then people start to give you their feedback on it and you're like, "Oh, you don't like that part and you think I should change those words." (Laughs.) ... There's lots of people that aren't going to like this record, you know, that don't like my music anyway and people feel very vocal. Like, people are really brave in what they say to you these days.

Did you always want to be a

I don't know if I articulated that in my brain as a child, but I think I always felt like that was where I was the most confident and at peace and felt like it was my calling. I think I always thought I would do theatre though because I grew up doing musical theatre. So I think I always sort of anticipated, like, being on Broadway or

something.

Heading to Broadway soon?

Oh god I would love it. ... I have mad respect for the performers on Broadway and I would only want to do it if I could do an incredible job. ... So I think I would have some homework to do before I could step up on stage.

A lot of contemporary singers have delved into a more electro-pop, dance sound. Are you next?

I feel like it would feel like wearing somebody else's underwear because it's really not (laughs) ... it doesn't feel kind of congruent with who I really think I am musically. But you never know. There's great collaborations out there and I think there would be a way to do it musically where it felt good to me, but it's not immediately a genre I've always loved or wanted to

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► Samantha Savery, 14, of Marshville, N.C., Malik Jefferson, 15, of Charlotte, N.C., and Ashley Martin, 17, of Mint Hill, N.C., participate in Charlotte Academy of Music's Glee Camp.

music programs altogeth-

er. Yet, according to our lat-

est research, kids want

more than ever to learn

how to play instruments,

join the glee club, or per-

form in school musicals."

That's fuelled not only by Glee, he said, but also

other music-making TV

Glee camps up popularity of

• For 17-year-old Lizzie Guest, the TV show Glee was a life-changer • So when she heard about a summer

And given a chance for an encore, she signed up again.

The Charlotte Academy of Music's first Glee Camp

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started The camp among a handful across the United States that rode the wave of Glee popularity to create a show choir comeback.

At the camp, 12- to 17-year-olds spent their days in an orange room with brown

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musical-dramedy, scored 19 Emmy nominations, the most of any series this year. It won four, including best supporting actress and directing for a comedy se-

ries. "We're riding that wave right now," said Regina Ziliani, director of the twoyear-old academy, which offers private music and voice lessons, partly to fill in musical gaps in schools. "Everybody is just obsessed with Glee

But its popularity comes as budget cuts prompt schools to further shrink their musical offerings for students.

Non-profit community arts providers, many of which partner with local younger, it was uncool to be in choir and show choir and all that kind of stuff, but now they see

"When I was

shows such as iCarly, Big Time Rush and the Camp Rock movies It's difficult to measure the current popularity of glee camps and clubs, with

officials at national music

and camp organizations saying they haven't tracked it. But the number of accredited performing arts camps was already on the rise before the first sea-

son of Glee aired a year ago, from 527 in 2001 to ferings, cut staff and offer 804 in 2007, according to the Indiana-based Ameriless financial aid amid the recession, according to the can Camp Association.

nity Arts Education's May 2009 survey of its memthat several camps have added or revised their muprogram offerings bers. "With shows like Glee based on the popularity of TV shows and movies," said association CEO Peg returning this fall, kids are going back to school with a Smith. "Camps that specialize in music, theatre, greater desire to make music," said Scott Robertson, spokesman for Californiaand the performing arts are popular options for families. There truly is a camp for every child." based National Association of Music Merchants. "Many schools across the country

At the Charlotte Academy of Music, teens said

"Anecdotally, we know

Glee Camp boosted their self-esteem, and parents who attended the end-ofweek performance said it showed "She's been really hap-

py. She goes around singing all the time," Susan Guest said of her daughter,

Camp instructor Tracy Davis Davenport expects to do it again next summer.

'I think they all come to camp because they want to aspire" to be like the cast of Glee, she said. "They get a glimpse of what actually happens.

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Confidence

- Fifteen-year-old Malik Jefferson of Charlotte, who wore his collar up while practising to signify his love of '80s music, was excited about his first solo to Journey's Don't Stop Believing.
- "It certainly has boosted his confidence," said his mom, Mercedes Jefferson. 'I've noticed a big difference just from listening to him practise throughout the week." Later that week, he auditioned for and made the
- cut for Glee Club.



camp based off the hit, she just had to enrol

in June sparked so much interest from students eager to replicate what they saw on TV, the academy added a second camp, plus created a Glee Club that **Service Directory**To advertise contact Blaine Schlechter at 403-444-0136

practising last blocked the sunshine, learning to sing, twirl and march in sync.

"It was just the most fun in the world," said Guest of Huntersville. "When I was younger, it was uncool to be in choir and show choir and all that kind of stuff, but now they see these people who are doing this, and they're sounding amazing ... It's making people think that this is actually acceptable, and it's not just acceptable, it's awesome. People who are talented are now cool.

Glee, Fox's hit freshman

these people who are doing this, and they're sounding amazing. It's making people realize this is acceptable." LIZZIE GUEST schools, also have been forced to reduce their of-

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Underwood isn't quitting day job

• Country superstar makes her acting debut in upcoming movie Soul Surfer

Carrie Underwood thought she'd walk away from her first movie experience vowing to stick to her day job.

But after a recent screening of the upcoming movie Soul Surfer, Underwood found she wasn't as bad as she thought she'd be.

"I really liked how everything turned out, in-cluding myself," Underwood said in an interview Tuesday. "I was really ex-pecting the worst from myself, and I really surprised myself."

The Grammy-winning country superstar plays a youth counsellor in the film, which is based on the story of Bethany Hamilton,

who lost her arm in a shark attack.

"It's definitely an uplifting movie," said Under-

wood.
"Everybody would definitely feel a lot better coming out than they did coming in.

Although she gives her-self good marks for her work on the film, Underwood said she's not ready to carry a movie just yet.

"There are people that are absolutely amazing actors and actresses, and I am not one of those, though who's to say one day; you never know, maybe I will be," she said. "But I'm definitely new at this and just doing what's fun right now, and I love my music; that's my first

The second stage of her Play On tour starts Sept. 25 in Portland, Ore., sponsored by Olay; she became the company's first North American spokeswoman vesterday.

It will be Underwood's first tour since her summer wedding to professional hockey player Mike Fisher.

"It's kind of like my season, my tour, starts the same time his season does. It will definitely be a challenge but we love each other and we love what we do, so there's no reason we

can't have it all," she said.

"Next year will be an easier year for me. As soon as my tour is over, I'll be hanging out with him a lot

Underwood will host the Country Music Association Awards in Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 10 with Brad Paisley.

While she's nominated for female vocalist and album of the year for Play On, some fans wanted her to also get a nomination for entertainer of the year, the award show's highet honour.

"I'd like to see that, too," she laughed.



Katy Perry follows her 'dream

Hit album proves initial success no fluke Shows different sides

To some, the most surprising part of Katy Perry's sophomore success is that it exists.

After all, this was the ever effervescent girl who rose to fame two years ago with a song about girl-ongirl action. She dressed like a cross between Betty

Boop and Judy Jetson and sang songs about metrosexual boyfriends and partying in Vegas.

Fun and catchy - but

surely not built to last. Cut to 2010, and it's been Perry's year. Her No. 1 smash California Gurls has become the song of the summer. She's got another big hit with the racy Teenage Dream, and her second album of the same name debuted at the top of the charts last week, selling a little over 192,000 copies for one of the year's best debuts, according to Nielsen SoundScan

And her engagement to British comedian Russell Brand hasn't hurt her exploding star power.

"It's really validating, but not in like a mean girls' kind of way feeling," says a wide-eyed Perry, with her girlish voice, in a recent interview. "I've al-ways believed in myself and it's just wonderful that people can finally jump on the train and be a part of something really exciting."

The 25-year-old California girl hasn't toned down the zaniness much on her latest album — and listeners get the feeling she couldn't if she tried.

The video for California Gurls, the infectious pop groove featuring Snoop Dogg, features Perry in a version of Candy Land, and the theme continues with her album.

Teenage Dream features songs about toxic relationships, moments of conflict, self-doubt and even inspiration. "(This album) shows the evolution that people weren't expecting, says Amy Doyle, executive vice-president of music and talent program-ming.at MTV. "There are songs on this album that go a little deeper into her feelings and aren't just these poppy little numbers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Katy Perry and Russell Brand became engaged in January after a whirlwind romance, and their relationship and impending nuptials have made them tabloid favourites. "We've decided that after we get married, we're not

going to talk about our relationship anymore, because it's like, we're married, so we're married. What more can I say?" says Perry. "But I think that we understand the general excitement and we're two people in love, and people in love like to tell people we are in love."



TV picks



A woman on the run

SPY HARD. One of the most buzzed about new series is the sexy drama Nikita. Filmed in Toronto, the show is a reboot of the 1990 film and subsequent TV series about a female spy who goes rogue. In the premiere, we learn Nikita has been on the run from her former bosses for three years. (A)

Attack of the monster video

NEW YORK. The monster movie Cloverfield takes the shaky-camera schtick through some campy thrills and chills in this 2008 indie. The premise is simple and effective: a video camera records horrific events that unfold as a monstrous creature attacks New York. (Action) METRO NEWS SERVICES

New network will offer the right view: Grammer

Kelsey Grammer puts his money where his ideas are Says traditional networks are biased

vestor and public face supporting a new net-work that launched yesterday with entertainment designed to appeal to political conservatives.

RightNetwork, whose first series, Running, follows the fortunes of some Tea Party-backed candidates for public office, is also trying a new model

to establish itself. It is ini-"(It's not) righttially making (it's not) right-with standup programming wing nuts ... We're comedians; middle of the road Politics and through video-people who have a on-demand services, the fairly conservative Internet and approach to Poker, with card players sitting around talkthrough mo-government." phones, KELSEY GRAMMER bypassing the approach of a

traditional television network with a spot on channel lineups. Investors hope the sup-

port of a conservative audience that has made Fox News Channel and radio hosts like Rush Limbaugh successful could also work for entertainment programming, said Kevin McFeeley, RightNetwork's president.

We feel the precedent has been set," he said.

Grammer, the Emmy-winning star of Frasier,

sented a desire by him and some political friends "to stop allowing people who hate us to define us.

"If you have NBC, ABC, you have entire networks flooded with a very partic-ular point of view," he said. "They won't admit it, but it's clearly the way it is. There's plenty of room for us?

Initial programming alincludes Right2Laugh,

> ing politics; and an enter-

tainment news-

magazine. New episodes are made available every few weeks, McFeeley said. Some of the candidates featured in Running have already lost primary bids.

In the works is a sitcom called Moving Numbers, about quirky political consultants trying to elect a candidate to the U.S. Senate. McFeeley said RightNetwork will also offer some vintage programming, like old episodes of William F. Buckley's Firing Line. or accuse or identify anybody as an enemy," Grammer said.

"We're out there to encourage people to open their minds and take a look at some things that we as a group of people believe is the right direction for the country.

While Grammer narrates a programming highlight reel available on RightNetwork's website, he hasn't participated as an actor or producer in any of the network's programming. The only other investor the privately held company has identified is Ed Snider, chairman of Comcast-Spectacor owner of the Philadelphia 76ers and Flyers.

That led to initial false reports this spring that Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable company, was a backer of RightNetwork. In fact, the network doesn't even have a deal to distribute its programming through Comcast, which aggressively markets video-ondemand offerings. Thus far, Verizon FiOS subscribers are the only people who can access the shows on demand, McFeeley said. Similarly, Nokia is the only mobile phone



It illustrates the huge challenge RightNetwork faces in trying to build its brand at a time cable and satellite companies have little space to offer new networks, said Derek Baine, a senior analyst at SNL Kagan. Only Anime, which had some limited success with a specialized lineup of Japanese animation, and Fearnet, which offers horror films and has the backing of Comcast and movie distributor Lionsgate, have gone this way, he said.

The problem is, you've got to get a way for people to find you," Baine said. "Without big marketing dollars, how are people going to know you are on the air?"

McFeelev said video-on-demand proach will mirror the way people are increasingly watching television, by picking and choosing from programming and making their own schedules. He said the company will specially target potential conservative viewers with email messages touting the product.

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• Machete's Alba and Rodriguez on being beautiful an playing tough women • "I like her scene with the stiletto heel, sticking it in the guys eyeball"

Hollywood

Jessica Alba and Michelle Rodriguez have a great deal in common are both beautiful women, they are both box office gold and they both demand strong female roles.

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Rodriguez points to one scene in particular which she says embodies that combination of toughness and sexiness saying: "I like her scene with the stiletto heel, sticking it in the guys eyeball.

'Dude I've been waiting for that moment. I've always wanted a 007-moment like that, where the chick takes off the metal heel and, I don't know,



presses a button and it shoots out in between somebody's eveballs or something, but that's very

Toughness, sexiness and not a little sociopathy perhaps. It's a choice to

play those kind of roles, Alba points out, adding: "We try not to feed into the typical stereotype of the victim ditsy chick. "Like, oh my god, you're so hot," — the lat-

ter line delivered a comic Californian accent.

The only downside to demanding these kind of roles is that it can get expensive.

"It means not working", she says "and it also means not getting paid the same. It's a choice."

No more freebies, please

As a well known actress you get sent a lot of free clothes and jewelry, but companies that do so won't see much live advertisement in Jessica Alba and Michelle Rodriguez.

"I stopped taking free sh*t, because I realized it was such a waste", says Ro-driguez, "none of it is my taste, people don't know anything about me, they don't know what I like. It's so horrible. Sometimes I'm like 'wow, people actually wear this stuff?"

Alba adds: "But I have 13

cousins that really like it,' "But after a while of giving it away to friends and family, even they didn't start liking the stuff that I was getting for free so I just altogether told them 'No! Stop sending me stuff!"

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Arquette fits in well in Land of the Astronauts

David Arquette took a break from filming the latest instalment of the Scream horror franchise to make a rocket-fast trip to Montreal to plug his new film The Land of the Astronauts.

In Astronauts, which screened in competition recently at the Montreal World Film Festival, Arquette plays Jack MacKenzie, a once-successful composer whose career has hit the skids, requiring him to work as a limo driver to make ends meet.

If that weren't tough enough, he's also battling alcoholism and grappling with the death of his oldest daughter. He befriends an A-list actor who could put his career back on track — but not before the story takes a few surreal twists.

"I just loved the script and the character and the sort of package that came together," Arquette said

Friday. A member of the Arquette acting family that includes sisters Patricia (of TV's Medium) and Rosan-na, David Arquette has been a director, producer, screenwriter and wrestler as well as an actor.

He's done a slew of TV and film roles, gaining attention for playing Deputy Dewey Riley in the Scream movies starting in 1997.

He's reprising his role of Riley, starring alongside other Scream alumni including his wife Courtney Cox, of Friends and Cougar Town fame, and Neve Campbell.

"I just hopped here this morning and I hop back there tomorrow," said Arquette, who made his first visit to the Montreal film festival.



"I love independent films. There's a creative energy behind them that's a little scrappier. It's a lot of fun to dive into those characters and that kind of emotion." DAVID ARQUETTE

He said it's been "really great" being back on the Scream set.

"It's been a lot of fun, working with (director) Wes Craven again — always a dream — and working with my wife and Neve Campbell. There's a lot of crew members on the film as well that have been along for this 16-year-ride so it's quite the experi-

Arquette pointed out it's rare in Hollywood to have the chance to be connected to a project such as the popular horror franchise for so long.

"Through the course of it, I've gotten married and had a child," he said. "It's really had a significant im-

pact on my life."

But is he surprised
Scream has lasted so long?

"Yeah, I am," he said with a chuckle. "But I'm glad It's really been fun This one, I think, is probably closest to the first."

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Easy A's Stone set for starring role



Since the mid-1990s, setting classic literature in contemporary high school has produced some hits (Clueless, Ten Things I Hate About You) and some misses (Cruel Intentions, She's the Man). Easy A, a re-mastering of Nathaniel Hawthorne's 19th century tale of adultery and pious prudence, the Scarlet Letter, fits quite nicely with the first group. Newly minted It Girl

(and Lindsay Lohan thunder-stealer) Emma Stone stars as Olive Penderghast, a high schooler who takes a page from her assigned reading material and uses Hawthorne's lessons to grease the school's rumor mill, upping her social and financial standing. Stone says she was attracted by the way the script addressed topics anyone

who's been to high school could relate to without

"The subject of gossip, judging a book by its cover without knowing the full story, extremism, technology and the way information travels, the speed of everything," she explains. "Like when Olive says something and it goes all the way around and gets back to her and it's been 30 seconds. What's messed up is that's actually the way things happen.

The 21-year-old starlet admits taking on her first leading role was more than a little daunting.

"I was a little [anxious] the whole time," Stone says, chuckling. "I didn't know I was such a micromanager, but I am. I had to be up first and be there last every day. In my spare time, I'd try to sleep, which I wasn't doing too much of. I think it was less about the size of the role and more about wanting

to do the character justice. But that pressure didn't come from anyone else, it was all self-inflicted.'

The result of all that self-imposed pressure is a performance that has Hollywood searching for labels to define the young star. As far as any similarities to Lindsay Lohan (the red hair, the throaty rasp, the high school movie rocketing her into the stratosphere), Stone refuses to comment, instead offering a wry, knowing grin. She is, however, quick to bat away her newfound title as the Next Big

"That's nice," Stone shrugs, "but it's such a fleeting label to put on someone. A week later they say 'And this girl is the new It Girl.'
"I just hope I get to

"I just hope I get to keep working steadily because it's been nice to call this my only job. My ultimate goal is to not have to go work somewhere else.



Stone bonds director

The mere mention of Easy A director Will Ğluck's name incites Emma Stone to smack the table and proclaim, "Will, I love him! Don't tell him I ever said that.'

According to both the actress and the director, they share a sibling-like bond that allows for unmitigated ribbing and blunt honesty. "He calls me out on everything!" Stone groans, rolling her eyes in mock annoyance. "He doesn't let anything slide. If I'm like, 'Ahhh, that sucked,' he's like, 'That did suck. Go again.' That's what I like! People who are honest with you push you to be bet-

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Gyllenhaal and Bilson dating?

Jake Gyllenhaal and Rachel Bilson are reportedly dating, sources tell Hollyscoop, though they're looking to keep things quiet. "They're trying to keep a low profile but they're definitely dating," a source says. Gyllenhaal famously split from Reese Witherspoon last year, while Bilson recently called off her engagement to Hayden Christensen.

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Pitt-Jolie stake Italian claim

ITALY Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have added to their international real estate portfolio with the purchase of a \$40 million US Italian mansion with 15 bedrooms, two swimming pools and a vineyard, according to the Herald Sun. Located in Valpolicella, Italy, the 18,000-squarefoot property also has stables. Jolie and Pitt also own homes in Los Angeles and New Orleans.

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Britney facing sex lawsuit

FREAKSHOW. A former bodyguard sued Britney Spears yesterday, claiming the singer repeatedly subjected him to "repeated unwanted sexual advances" and harassment.

Fernando Flores filed the sexual harassment lawsuit in suburban Los Angeles, alleging the singer intentionally inflicted emotional distress.

Talking points

Berry big on Dark Tide star

INTER-OFFICE ROMANCE Halle Berry has reportedly been getting cosy with her Dark Tide co-star Olivier Martinez while visiting Paris, according to People magazine. The pair were spotted walk-ing hand-in-hand around the city before stopping for a more intimate moment. "It was the classic 'I'm going to kiss vou here in a dark corner' move," an onlooker tells the magazine. "And she was waiting to be kissed." ● METRO

Stewart denied groping

WERE THE CAMERAS AND PEOPLE STARING NATURAL T00? When Kristen Stewart filmed her make-out scene with Dakota Fanning for The Runaways, she was faced with a few restrictions. "Well, she was 15, and I wasn't allowed to grope her. I'm not kidding," Stewart says, according to Hollyscoop. "Everyone's talking about it like it's a huge deal but it was so natural and impulsive. And it's like five seconds in the movie." METRO

Celebrity tweets



Kanye West [@kanye west] I feel like it's a

good day for some shallow tweeting. You can cut the tension with a knife... Lighten up people!

Peter Serafinowicz

[Aserafinowicz] It is a moral outrage that a US pastor is planning to burn a Korean.



Hogan [@Hulk-Hogan4 Real] 4am

can't sleep. really. Nurses decided after 3days of meds to help rest my back didn't need it anymore. cool, no sleep no back rst

Momsen likes to burn balls

WAIT...NO, WHAT? While Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen tries her hand at being a rocker, she's been



freaking out the musicians in her back-up band. "Taylor loves setting things on fire," guitarist Ben Phillips tells MTV News. "I shouldn't say this. One morning, Taylor got into the studio really early—she'd just had her dog neutered and brought in the bits. Which she then burned. We were

grossed out."



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When I called Christian Louboutin, he was in the midst of watching his home country, France, play Mexico in the World Cup.

"Would you mind calling me back in 30 minutes? The game is almost over," he asked with an air of distraction. France lost the game. But was Louboutin heartbroken? Hardly.

"I was betting for Mexico! I was just there. I like that country very much. They have a young crowd, a young team and they're not pretentious. I'm very happy that they won," he said over the phone from Italy where he was visiting his shoe factory. Like his football preferences, Louboutin gravitates toward the unexpected in life. His incredibly sexy heels, which have placed him firmly at the top of the designer shoe food chain, above even Jimmy Choo and Manolo Blahnik. are a testament to that

What are your earliest memories of fashion?

I was 12. I was in Cannes on holiday with a friend and we happened upon the film festival by accident. We saw a woman being photographed by all these people. She was wearing a long dress in the middle of the day. Her hair was in a chignon. I had never seen anything like this attitude. It was a very fashion moment



What about your earliest memories of women's shoes? was often with my youngest sister, who was 12 years older than I. She was walking up the stairs in front of me. She was wearing cork platforms and I was fascinated by how she could walk in those platforms up six flights of stairs.

And I remember seeing the cabaret. It influenced my with sand to design for those

showgirls.

Speaking of showgirls,
you did a mu-

sical film short for the website FashionAir not so long ago. Is there a part of you that would like to be a dancer?

I've always liked to dance. When I was at a club, I was very much the actor. I was never the spectator. I really like the people at Fashion-Air, so I agreed to do the short. But it was really painful to watch. I was too self-conscious. And my pants were way up the ass thanks to the suspenders I was wearing.

Your shoes are arguably fashion's most coveted. Can you pinpoint a turning point in your career?

It wasn't necessarily a shift, per se, but I think that September 11th was a big moment for my company. That was 10 years from the year that I started my company in 1991. I had survived after 10 years.

Your shoes epitomize sex for many people. What symbolizes sex to you?

The voice is very sexy. And cleverness s very sexy. Sometimes people can look very sexy on the outside and be stupid intellectually. People who are incredibly flirtatious have to be funny and smart. It's the difference between eroticism and pornography. The differ-ence is what lies between the lines. I do like suggestions. Suggestions instead of pure show. Think about low cleavage, about how it draws the eyes to the breast. It is the same with shoes. I've had a lot of women tell me that it's too much to show toe cleavage in a shoe. They say it's too embarrassing. But I'm like, "You wear sandals where your toes are completely exposed." And they say, "But it's different." I agree. It is different. It's the difference between suggestion and showing everything.

Are there any shoes that you absolutely hate the sound of?

Clogs. I would banish them from the earth if I could. I just don't think it's a pretty sound when you hear women walk in them.

Not a nice sound.



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► A creation by British fashion designer Hannah MacGibbon for Chloe as part of her fall-winter 2010-2011 ready-to-wear

Fashion insiders pick fall's must-haves

Experts give us their favourite pieces for this season

Got calendar confusion?

The date says it's officially summer, but vacations are over and kids are headed back to school. And, yes, that is Halloween candy at the store. The fashion world can set you straight: It's the fall shopping season.

And it's a good one, says Nina Garcia, fashion director at Marie Claire and Project Runway judge.

This is not a season where you have to spend a lot of money to get into the trends," she says. "It's a very conservative and classic season; everything is ladylike or minimal. It's a good season to buy fashion to keep, not a season to buy and toss."

Garcia, author of the new book Nina Garcia's Look Book: What to Wear for Every Occasion, also says there's no reason to wait until it's chilly to wear many of the top fall styles.

The ladylike pumps on her shopping list, for example, pair just as well with a sleeveless sheath as they do with trousers.

We asked Garcia for the must-haves on her personal shopping list:

No. 1 on her list is the camel-coloured coat that she savs defines the sea-



Oscar de la Renta being showcased at a New York show

"Almost every single designer showed one," she says. "If you don't have one, it's the year to get one. It's like a pea coat; you can keep it forever."

An bonus, she adds, is that the luxe hue is flattering to a full range of complexions.

There's another coat Garcia says she covets, Burberry specifically a shearling.

"I will have one of those," she declares, allowing, though, that one will

Other experts

Three other experts home in on their favourite picks for the season

- Mary Alice Stephenson, stylist and commentator: Stephenson already has worn her new Lanvin leopard dress, but you can do animal-print without paying runway prices. Talbots, she says, has a leopard coat worn by Linda Evangelista in its new ad cam-
- Liz Rodbell, executive vicepresident Lord & Taylor: Rodbell homes in on two major fashion trends: The aforementioned sophisticated-lady glamour and urban utility. Retro-style fur coats and fit-and-flare dresses cover the refined look, as does the handheld satchel, Rodbell says. For the more utilitarian items, think anoraks, cargo pants and lace-up boots
- Kelly Golden, owner of Neapolitan: With no hesitation, Golden says she wants Christian Dior's ripped-from-the-runway. thigh-high leather riding boots in espresso brown

have to wait for cooler weather

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Whether covering an entire room or simply accenting one wall, wallpaper is a striking decorating feature that can add scale, texture and instant pizzazz to your

According to Canadian interior designer Michelle Mawby, principal designer of Lucid Interior Design and star of the Discovery Channel's Junk Raiders, today's top three wallpaper trends are bold geometric patters, oversized damasques, and luxurious textures such as leather

"A feature wall is always a great way to dip your toe into a bold pattern or colour, but make sure your painted walls work with the paper," she cautions.

"You can also consider using paper within wall moulding or on canvases and hung like art work."

papering, here are Mawby's top dos and don'ts:

- 1. Do use sparingly. Don't paper every room in your house. "Pick a feature room like your dining room, powder room or bedroom," says Mawby.
- 2. Do make sure it blends with the existing colour palette in your home unless you are changing the entire house.
- 3. Don't cheap out. Ensure you order sufficient quantities.
- "It's always better to or-der extra. Trying to re-order the same dye lot can sometimes be a problem," she explains.
- 4. Don't ask too many people's opinion. love it, go for it!" she advis-
- 5. Do consider mixing and matching styles. "Try contemporary paper in a traditional house or traditional paper in a more modern house," she sug-















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One of the easiest ways to make a small space feel larger is to use reflective sur-

faces like mirror, metal, glass and shiny paint. Not only do they help to reflect light around and open up a space, they also help to add a touch of glamour to your home. Here are a few ways to brighten your space while adding a sense of glamour:

Paint all four walls with a high-gloss paint for a su-

per-sheen, light-bouncing effect in a room. Make sure the walls are perfectly smooth; olds walls with the orange skin bumps shouldn't be painted in glossy paint.

Wallpaper one wall Instead of painting a fo-

instead of painting a focal wall of colour behind a bed or in a dining room try adding wallpaper with shine; the wallpapers these days are easily removed when the trend ends, and can add a lot of pizzazz to a room. Other focal walls to add shiny wallpaper: the mantle wall in the living room, behind the bed or behind the television in the family room.

Use metal and glass amps:

Whether it be a modern chandelier or a table lamp.



metal or crystal-style lamps are all the rage and are fantastic accessories to any room as they absorb and disappear into the room.

Shiny glass tables

Add a glass top to an old dresser, bar cart or coffee

table to add shine and protect the surface. A glassed top coffee table with a metallic frame will add even more sparkle to a room.

Mirrors

Look for bevelled edges and metallic finishes on the frames for a way to add even more reflective glitter to a room. Large mirrors placed on a 90-degree wall to the window will bounce the natural light further into the room.

Silk draperies and metal hardware



Silk drapes (whether real or synthetic) are all the rage in home decor and offer a nice way to add a glamourous shine to a room. Accessorizing the drapes with metallic or glass hardware will offer even more punch to the glam-factor.









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The familyrun café Vienna Lux sticks to the basic schnitzels (all \$6.95) that have filled tummies centuries over. Two gigantic pieces of wiener schnitzel are crammed into a soft, fresh Kaiser bun. The veal is breaded with spices and then scrumptiously deep fried.

The famous beef sand-(\$6.95) features pieces of tender pot roast in Vienna Lux's tangy "special sauce.'

All sandwiches come with your choice of free toppings: Sautéed mush-rooms, red cabbage, sauerkraut, pickles, sautéed

onions, or hot peppers. Cheese is an extra dollar.

Gulya, or goulash, (\$6.95) is thick with pieces of beef, dumplings and subtle hints of paprika and caraway.

Dessert is baked fresh daily. A peach lemon pop-py seed cake (\$2.50) was di-

The licensed café has ample seating for lunch and dinner in addition to take out.

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- 125 ml chicken or yeaetable broth
- 50 ml balsamic vinegai
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 500 g chicken breasts • 50 ml vegetable oil
- 7 ml coriander and cumin
- 500 g sliced mushrooms
- 125 ml each thin carrot and red pepper strips
- Freshly ground black
- 1.5 l mixed salad greens Crumbled goat cheese (optional)

Preparation:

Combine broth, vinegar and garlic; set aside for vinaiarette.

- Cut chicken into 1-cm cubes. In a large nonstick skillet, heat 30 ml of the oil with coriander and cumin. Saute chicken for about 3 minutes.
- Add remaining oil and mushrooms, carrot and red pepper; stir-fry for 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in vinaigrette and heat just
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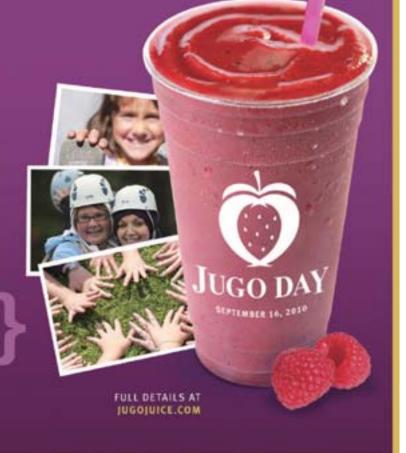
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Some universities provide apps for students. The University of Alberta (itunes.apple.com/us/app/u alberta), Ryerson University (ryerson.ca/rmobile) and the University of Saskatchewan (iusask.usask.ca), developed apps that give students easy access to a campus directory, share the latest academic news and help them navigate school grounds.

Living in digital

Whether it's in class or after school, today's postsecondary students increasingly rely on their smartphone applications, says Ben Bajarin, an analyst with Creative Strategies

Creative Strategies.

"We've been hearing students pay a lot of attention to note-taking apps" such as the iPad's Pen Ultimate, Bajarin says. "These allow you to basically create different notebooks on every subject," replacing the former practice of having individual folders for every class.

Other apps help students organize their schedule. These are the ones Bajarin hears about most, "because students want to make the move to digital when it comes to organizing their school schedule, assignments, any resources they may tie them to a class or project, really. They're actually more comfortable in a digital system than a paper-based world."

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FOR METRO CANADA

Common sense key to campus safety



University of British Columbia spokesperson Paul Wong says that while campuses are generally safe places people still need to take sensible precautions and make appropriate choices.

"Because campuses tend to be safe it's easy to let your guard down but the safety measures that you would take at home still apply when you get to university or college," Wong said.

Be aware of how to reach campus security in an emer-

gency and keep a list of contact numbers handy to dial up if needed, Wong says.

While serious assaults are relatively rare on campus, thefts are definitely not, so consider taking your laptop with you when you hop out of the library for a bathroom break.

"Students fall asleep and they'll leave things sitting out all the time. You wouldn't go into downtown Vancouver and leave your laptop sitting there so why do it inside a student lounge?" Wong said.

Imre Juurlink, a crime



analysis supervisor at Ryerson University in Toronto, says safety comes in numbers so always travel with

friends, especially when you head off-campus for some evening fun.

"You're always better off

with a second person around. If you go out, make sure you have enough money for a cab and if you do go drinking, have at least one person in the group who is fairly cober." Intribute said

fairly sober," Juurlink said.
Social media like Facebook can be a great way to meet people but be careful not to divulge too much information.

"Stalking used to be mostly physical, now I find a large part of that happens online. Assume that anyone can access anything you post on Facebook," Juurlink

Tips

Here are a few things the experts recommend to stay safe on campus:.

- Travel in pairs at night most campuses have a hotline which you can call to request a male and female volunteer to walk with you if needed.
- If you do want to catch some shut-eye between classes, pack your belongings away and use your backpack as a pillow to deter thieves.



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A new school year means plenty of shiny new tech goodies, here are a few picks with features that deserve a look:

1. Samsung Galaxy S Vibrant smartphone — \$499.95 alone, \$149.95 with three-year contract and minimum \$50/month plan with Bell

Samsung's latest Android 2.1-powered smartphone is sleek, powerful and makes a great impression in-hand.

Besides, with its bright, responsive four-inch touch-screen the phone introduces a revolutionary typing feature sure to win over new users: Swype, which allows you to input text by dragging your finger across the keyboard in a continuous line instead of tapping.

It really works — a few minutes of playing around and you'll be sending messages easily twice as fast as compared to the standard tap method.

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2. Toshiba Satellite T230 Notebook — \$699

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3. Nintendo DSi XL — \$199.95

Nintendo's evolved hand-held touch-screen system also doubles as a music player, basic digicam, web surfer and even comes with a built-in microphone for recording.

Of course it can also make school commutes fun and it comes preloaded with several mindexpanding Brain Age games for free.

4. Kodak ESP 7250 wireless All-in-one printer - \$199.99

A great little wireless printer that's perfect for a family (or a shared apartment), the Kodak ESP 7250 is a budget-priced printer with a full suite of features.

Best of all, Kodak's ink prices are famously cheap so you won't feel too bad about letting your roommates print their concert pics in full-colour.











"I don't follow him because it's just a bunch of nonsense. I don't really care where he goes to eat and so forth, or who he buys dinner for."

> BENGALS COACH MARVIN LEWIS, ON CHAD OCHOCINCO'S TWITTER HSAGE

"That's the coaches' decision. I'm just trying to do what I'm told."

QUARTERBACK TIM TEBOW ON WHETHER HE WILL PLAY SUNDAY IN IACKSONVILLE



Can Vikings rain on Saints' parade?

• With New Orleans still celebrating Super Bowl win, Minnesota looking for some payback

The Saints' first Super Bowl title was so big in New Orleans that Mardi Gras, a revered local institution dating back well more than a century, became popularly known as "Lombardi Gras.

New Orleans' momentous victory over the Indianapolis Colts occurred in the middle of the city's parade season, so the Saints' celebratory ride through town with the Vince Lombardi Trophy was simply added to the lineup. In the following days, players, coaches, team officials and the trophy made appear-





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ances in traditional parades as well.

And while Mardi Gras ended way back on Ash Wednesday, it seems as though Lombardi Gras still isn't over quite yet — certainly not by the looks of the French Quarter, where a massive concert stage has been built on the riverfront overlooking historic Jackson Square.

In the hours before the defending champs kick off the NFL season against the Minnesota Vikings tonight in the Louisiana Superdome, the Big Easy will host a concert featuring Dave Matthews and Taylor Swift, an NFL-sponsored parade and a citywide bash for which a number of schools and businesses have already decided to shut

"It's like the Super Bowl

all over again," Saints running back Reggie Bush said.

Indeed, Saints owner Tom Benson will show off the Lombardi Trophy once more at a newly completed festival plaza next to the Superdome that has been named Champions Square. Then the festivities move inside the dome, where those with the hottest ticket in town will witness the raising of a 2009 championship banner before kickoff.

The Vikings would like to see the party end right about there, and they have their reasons for believing they can make that happen.

Minnesota outperformed the Saints in numerous statistical categories when they met in last season's NFC championship game and might have won if not for five turnovers.

The Vikings outgained the Saints 165 yards to 68 on the ground and 310 vards to 189 in the air.

In the end, Minnesota was done in by three lost fumbles and two interceptions, the last by Saints cornerback Tracy Porter when the Vikings were threatening to take a late-game lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Federer heads to semis

For one match at least, Roger Federer was back to

his old self.
Back to beating Robin Soderling, and back to being a Grand Slam semifinalist — two things he used to

do with such regularity.

Treating the whipping wind and his familiar foe as only slight nuisances, 16time Grand Slam champion Federer served his way to a convincing 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 victory over the fifth-seeded Soderling in the U.S. Open quarter-finals last night.

Federer had an 18-2 edge in aces against the big-hitting Soderling, mixing



speed with pinpoint placement that kept the Swede guessing.

"I've been practising my serve a whole lot, for my

whole career. If I can't serve in the wind, I've got a problem, you know?" Federer said. "You could probably wake me up at 2 in the morning, or 4 in the morning, and I could hit a few serves.'

The victory improved his career mark against Soder-ling to 13-1. The lone loss was in their previous match, in this year's French Open quarter-finals.

Now Federer will meet third-seeded Novak Diokovic in the semifinals for the third U.S. Open in a

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Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20 You want fame and fortune but you also want privacy and independence. Can you have them both at the same time? Yes you can and current aspects will show you a way to reconcile these apparently conflicting

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 Any obstacles you encounter today should be treated as interesting challenges rather than major barriers.

II Gemini May 22-June 21

There have been a lot of upheavals of late and no doubt you could do with a rest. Today, however, you must push yourself hard one more time because there is so much you can accomplish over the

next 24 hours.

Gancer June 22-July 22 You have a great deal of energy and enthusiasm at your disposal at the moment but be careful that you don't go to ex-

ets seem to be throwing up all sorts of doubts and fears at the moment but the good news is they won't last for

TV Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You are advised not to take on anything new today, because you are doing enough as it is. It might not be easy telling loved ones and work colleagues that you can't help them but your health may depend on it.

 ← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It is important that you stay in control of what is going on in your life. Do not - repeat, do not let others make decisions for

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➤ Yesterday's answer

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Give 100 per cent effort in everything you do today. While others are easing off and looking forward to the weekend you should be cranking it up a gear

→ Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The changes now taking place in your life may not be what you were expecting but in the long-term they will turn out to be exactly what vou need

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

TODAY

Max 14°

Min 4°

It is part of your nature to be competitive, especially at work, but take care it does not get out of hand

Aquarius Ian. 21-Feb. 18 Whatever the accepted facts of a situation, if your intuition tells you there is something not quite right with the official explanation you should be on your guard. The conventional opinion is very often the wrong opinion.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

As Jupiter moves back into your sign you will get another chance to move your life in a new direc-

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